

The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Austin Tex Sept 4 1893  
Benjamin John Macdonald Mayor presiding  
Hall Hall. Present - 15  
Aldermen. Councillor. Fisher. Glass. Hancock. Hines  
Jackson. Ketchum. Linn. Miller. Smith. Platt. Raymond  
Schneider. Schubert. Shelley. Taylor. Townsend. Wannett  
Absent - 4  
Alderman. Cissmann. Dawson. Metcalf. Stowell.

Alderman Glass moved that Mr. Neil McEachern be requested to receive the city check from attendance upon the City Council to enable him to complete the preparation of the approved accounts ordinance and the motion prevailed and was carried with.

Motion . . . . . The Minutes of the meeting which was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1893 were adopted as printed.

Alderman Cissmann. Dawson. called the council and answered to their names

#### Petitions etc

Mr. J. O. Glass - owing  
to him fine

fine - 1000

Pet of E. H. Alley  
to remit taxes

Laid over

Claim of J. K. Holland and Gleason of J. K. Holland for \$65. damage \$40 to buggy and  
\$25 to his horse. The damage is alleged to have been caused by the projection of a water pipe running diagonally across  
Lancaster at its intersection with Nineteenth Street.

Rejected

It was referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

By Alderman Anderson -

Communication from Decordova and son stating that  
they protest against the action of the City assessor and collector  
in making levy on Blocks 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 in River Park  
for all the taxes due by Charles A. Mourning which amounts to  
\$1150.01 and that they have a deed of trust on blocks 16, 17  
and 18 to secure the payment of same for \$2,000 less than \$6,000  
which note has now become due and payable. That all the property  
in River Park except Mr. Mourning's interest is in the name  
of S. J. Drake and is his undivided property. That they are now  
at work trying to determine what property Mr. Drake still

comes in Elmwood Park and south Austin and have instructions from him to pay taxes on same. That they requested the City Council to instruct the assessor to change his tax on at least all city blocks 13, 14, and 15. That they think if the sale be postponed until the first Tuesday in October most of the taxes will be paid.

On motion the City Assessor and Collector was instructed to postpone the sale as suggested in the communication  
By Alderman Shelley

On petition from John Wallace requesting the City Council to remit \$28.50 found fees paid by him  
Referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts

Alderman Linn was excused from further attendance upon the present session of the council

Reports of City Officers  
Rep of City Clerk

Reports of City Officers for the month of August 1893  
By the City Clerk -

C. statement of warrants issued against the general fund  
Total amount issued \$6297.61

Referred to the finance committee

By the City Clerk

C. statement of warrants issued against the water and light fund  
Total amount issued \$357.32

It was referred to the committee on finance

By the City Assessor and Collector

Report of collections made

Account-General fund . . . . .	\$5,071.20
Account-Water Works Taxes . . . . .	2,623.41
Account-Interest on Bonds issued prior to May first 1890	.389.74
Account-School Taxes . . . . .	1,468.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,553.06</b>

Referred to Com  
By City Treasurer

Referred to Committee on Finance

By the City Treasurer

Balances on hand Sept 4 1893

Account of General revenue . . . . .	\$15,140.05
Account of Interest on bonds issued prior to May 1, 1890	1,423.24
Account of Water and Light fund . . . . .	26.60
Account of Water and Light-Interest and sinking fund	30,111.62

Referred to the Committee on Finance

By the City Auditor

Total number of electors . . . . .	16
White . . . . .	17
Colored . . . . .	2
Males . . . . .	13
Females . . . . .	6

Referred to Committee on Cemetery

By the City Marshal

Total amount of fine assessed in November past	\$1,610.00
Collected . . . . .	8,331.75
Wanted used	1,693.50
Book fines collected	\$1,11.10
Journal fine collected	48.10

Total Number of arrests made . . . . . 15

Referred to Committee on Police

Alderman Parcell entered the council and answered to his name

By City Physician

Number of patients in hospital Aug 1 1873 18

Number of patients admitted in hospital during Aug 3

Number of patients discharged from hospital during Aug 3

Number of deaths in hospital during Aug 1

Number of patients remaining in hospital Sept 1 14

Number of visits made to patients in the city during Aug 71

Number of prescriptions written for patients during Aug 187

No contagious or infectious diseases have been reported during the month

The general health of the city continues remarkably good.

Referred to the committee on hospital

By Graham P. Low Engineer

Report of progress made in excavating at east end of Main St.

Referred to Committee on water and light

Report of Committees

By Alderman Burne for the Committee on Streets and Alleys  
to whom was referred a communication from the Commissioner  
Court of Travis County concerning the bridge known as the  
Burdin bridge presented a report wherein which stated "that  
after carefull investigation of the contract for the construction  
of said bridge and its approaches and examination of said  
structure and its approaches we are constrained to report that  
the same does not conform to the contract in these  
particulars viz

First The specifications of the inverted arch or circle called for  
in the construction of said bridge requires that it the arch or  
circle shall be built of selected hard flat rock (limestone)  
ranging in regular courses no course to be less than 6 inches  
or more than 10 inches in thickness. We find that the courses  
above specified range from (4) four to (15) fifteen inches  
and is not range work. The most of said arch is not built  
of hard rock and certainly not selected rock and said  
arch is now cracked at both ends.

Second. The sides of the embankment is required by  
specifications to be repared with stone 12 inches thick  
from the face with a slope of 1 to 1. We find that at least  
one half of the reparation is almost perpendicular and of  
course will not stand

The width of the roadway should be forty (40) feet which we  
find varies from thirty seven (37) to forty five (45) feet  
Fourth the grade comes within the limits of the specifications  
except the last 100 feet on the south end of said bridge which  
is about 6 feet to the 100 when it should be 11 feet to the 100 feet.

Fifth We are apprehensive that the structure of said bridge  
and its approaches can withstand the pressure of high water  
destroying its walls through the erosion of the wash or ravine  
crossed and spanned by the same

Motion to take action

Report of a joint committee

Set of bldgs. to meet about

Granted

Act of W H John  
Rept of Comm.

adopted

Com Reps on accts  
of L. Schoolher

adopted

Rept of Cemetery Com.

"We therefore recommend that the Council take such action as it may deem proper in view of the premises." Alderman Fischer moved to postpone action on the matter until after the center of the bridge was taken out.

Alderman Lindeman moved now substituted that the whole matter be referred to a special committee to be composed of Alderman Fischer, Schubert, and Gutschke and it was carried.

By Alderman Schneider for the committee on fire department to whom was referred the petition of Mr. H. Jones for permission to erect a shed on block 65 corner Davis & Congress Streets to be covered with corrugated iron presented a report thereon recommending that the petition be granted. Concluded that the shed shall never be enclosed. The report was adopted.

By Alderman Shelley for the committee on claims and accounts to whom was referred the account of W H John for \$400 damages to lot 67 by reason of location of smallpox camp offered a report thereon recommending that it be not paid and the report was adopted.

By Alderman Shelley for the committee on claims and accounts to whom was referred the communication of Mr. L Schoolher complaining of the valuation of his stock of fancy dry goods as fixed by the board of equalization presented a report thereon which states that the attention of the Council is called to the provisions of section 41 page 10 of the City Charter which precludes any action thereon by the City Council.

The report was adopted.

By Alderman Platt for the cemetery Committee to whom on vault of Grumbles was referred a resolution in regard to the desecration condition of a vault of one Grumbles situated east of the present cemetery recommending that it be torn down and the remains removed to the city cemetery offered a report thereon which states that the vault has been repaired and fenced by parties unknown to your committee and recommends that no further action be taken in regard to the matter.

The Report was received

By Alderman North for the committee on purchases presented the following report-

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To the Honorable City Council

Your purchasing committee recommends the acceptance of the written bid of H Lenzly, fitter and that the contract be awarded to him and that the Mayor enter into a proper contract with sufficient securities with said Lenzly fitter.

Respectfully submitted

William H. Finch Chairman

The report was adopted.

The Committee report to be for supplying the City's males with food during the quarter commencing Dec 30, 1893

## Other Business

Mayor's Message The Mayor again presented his bill of sale which was considered by the Council at the last meeting of the Council concerning the sale of 12 water meters and electric light bulbs of the city of Austin to Bernard Barrigan for the purpose of adjusting the balance of his account against the City and explained that the sale was made at 95% interest to begin July 1 1893.

Sale confirmed Alderman Ruth moved that the sale be ratified and confirmed and the motion prevailed.

Leave of absence The following City officers were granted leaves of absence by the City officers as follows:

Fred Compton from Sept 15 to Oct 1 inclusive

Fred Stenzing three weeks from Sept 10

Jas C. Lucy three weeks from this date

Res. to investigate  
stealing of oil  
in Brueggerhoff  
Building

Alderman Platt presented a resolution requiring the Committee on fire department to investigate the charge that oil has been stored in the Brueggerhoff building in violation of the ordinance of the city and to report the results of such investigation at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion to amend

Alderman Anderson moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "Committee on fire department" and inserting in lieu thereof "City Marshal". The amendment was accepted and the resolution as amended was then adopted.

Alderman Burne was excused from further attendance on the session of the Council.

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$750 for the purpose of paying the members of the board of equalization of the City of Austin for the year 1893 was presented and read after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings and that it do now pass. Each of which were adopted by the following vote. Yea - 14 - Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schubel, Shelley, Taylor Townsend Warrnouth.

Ordinance to  
pay E. T. B. Alley

By Alderman Glass an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$72.44 for the purpose of paying E. T. B. Alley rent on land for purpose of burying dead animals for the year 1893.

It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings and that it do now pass each of which were adopted by the following vote. Yea - 14 - Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schubel, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warrnouth.

By Alderman Taylor

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1171.18 for the purpose of paying offered accounts.

adopted  
June

It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings and that it do now pass each of which were adopted by the following vote

Oppos-18 Aldermen Anderson, Anderson, Anderson,  
Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Ketcham, Miller, North, O'Neill,  
Powell, Raymond, Schubert, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

Mays 1. (Votemess Schneider)

By Alderman Shelley on ordinance amending Ord 171.  
Title 3, Chapter 4 of the revised Code Ordinances of the  
City of Austin. The amendment provides that the assessor  
and collector of taxes shall charge and collect the following  
penalties where real estate is leased on or sold for taxes  
due the City of Austin to wit: "For each day by \$1.50 for  
advertising the property of each delinquent taxpayer \$1. for  
executing deed to purchaser at tax sale \$2."

The ordinance was read the first time after which motions  
were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance  
on its second and third readings and that it do now pass  
each of which were adopted by the following vote Oppos-18  
Aldermen Anderson, Anderson, Fischer, Glass  
Hancock, Jackson, Ketcham, Miller, North, Powell, Raymond,  
Schneider, Schubert, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

The following was read.

Office of Board of Public Works

Austin Texas

In view of the fact that the construction of the dam has caused  
the back water to overflow the county road where the same crosses  
Bull Creek and thereby entirely obstructs the passage of  
David Creek by the citizens who reside above that point  
therefore be it

"Resolved by the board of public works, That the attention  
of the City Council be called to this fact and we respectfully  
urge upon said council if in their power the importance  
of providing some temporary mode of crossing David Creek  
by the construction of a ferry boat or such other mode as  
may be determined upon by them"

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The above resolution was adopted by the Board of public  
works at a meeting held on this date

W. J. Whigham

Secretary Board of Public Works

No action was taken on the communication

Alderman Shelley moved that the committee on water and light  
be instructed to prepare a proposition to be presented to the  
receiver of the Austin Water Light and Power company provided the  
city receive terms of payment from the company the city will pay said  
company for water and present the same to the next regular meeting of the  
City Council for action. Motion carried.

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W. J. Whigham  
Secy. Board of Public Works

and engine. Alderman Taylor stated that the civil engineers of Austin  
desired the use of the city-hall the 3rd Tuesday in September  
and moved that their request be granted and the motion  
seconded.

The council then adjourned.

Witten Morris,  
City Clerk.